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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, GW

SUBJECT: FUEL SITUATION FOR US FORCES IN GERMANY

REF: BONN 17531

PARAGRAPH 4 IN REFTEL SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

ESSO GERMANY IS TAKING SEVERAL MEASURES TO AMELIORATE  
THE IMPACT ON THE US FORCES OF ITS HUGE CUT. IT

HAS AGREED THAT THE 63 PERCENT CUT NEED NOT BE APPLIED  
ON A PRODUCT-BY-PRODUCT BASIS AND THAT ESSO GERMANY

IS WILLING TO PROVIDE 100 PERCENT DELIVERIES OF SOME  
PRODUCTS UNDER CONTRACT E.G. HEAVY HEATING OIL AS  
LONG AS TOTAL DELIVERIES OF ALL PRODUCTS UNDER THE  
ESSO GERMANY CONTRACT ARE REDUCED BY 63 PERCENT.

ESSO GERMANY IS NOT REQUIRING ITS BRANDED RESALERS  
(INDEPENDENT DEALERS WHO OBTAIN MOST OF THEIR

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PRODUCT SUPPLIES FROM ESSO AND HAVE SEVERAL LARGE

CONTRACTS WITH THE MILITARY) TO MAKE A 63 PERCENT CUT. ESSO IS TAKING THE POSITION THAT IT SELLS TO THE DEALERS AND IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT DEALERS DO WITH THE PRODUCT. ESSO IS ALSO JUGGLING ITS SUPPLIES ON ITS BERLIN CONTRACT BY USING SUPPLIES FROM EASTERN EUROPE SOURCES TO MEET THE ARMY REQUIREMENTS AND USING SUPPLIES FROM ARAB SOURCES TO MEET WEST BERLIN'S REQUIREMENTS. ESSO GERMANY HAS ALSO AGREED TO PROVIDE THE REMAINING 63 PERCENT OF CONTRACT UNDER A SWAP ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY THE MILITARY REPLACES PRODUCT DELIVERIES WITH A COMPARABLE PRODUCT. IN THIS WAY ESSO GERMANY SHOWS NO SALES OF THESE PRODUCTS YET IT ACTS AS A DISTRIBUTOR OF US-OWNED PRODUCTS TO THE MILITARY.  
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